

**REMARKS**

The Office Action requires election of an invention from the following: Group I, drawn to a tungsten based sintered body and various articles formed from the body, including claims 1-7 and 8-17; and Group II, drawn to a method for producing a tungsten-based sintered body, including claim 18.

The Office Action requires election of a species from species a. - k. as listed on page 3 of the Office Action and corresponding to claims 7-17, respectively.

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 and 2 are generic. Applicants further submit that claims 3-6 and 18 are also generic.

Applicants elect Group I and Species a. The claims readable on both the elected Group I and Species a. are claims 1-7.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.475 (b) specifically allows, in the same national stage application, claims directed to different categories of inventions including a product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product. Although the Office Action states that claim 1 is obvious or anticipated by Mahot et al., no specific showing has been made by the Office Action as to how each limitation of claim 1 is disclosed or suggested by Mahot et al.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. If there is any fee due the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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